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SUBJ: WTO ASSEMBLY: SCALE OF ASSESSMENT

1. ROMANIAN DELEGATION INFORMED US DELEGATION EVENING MAY 21 IT WILL OPPOSE "LUSAKA" FORMULA FOR ESTABLISHING SCALE OF ASSESSMENT FOR WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION (259) AND PROPOSE STRICT CAPACITY TO PAY FORMULA, DESPITE FACT ROMANIA HAD PARTICIPATED IN UNANIMOUS DECISION OF IUOTO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO RECOMMEND LUSAKA FORMULA TO FIRST WTO ASSEMBLY. US DELOFF EXPRESSED REGRET THAT US NOT INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF ASSEMBLY OF THIS DEPARTURE OF ROMANIA FROM UNANIMOUS PRELIMINARY DECISION WHICH HAD BEEN TAKEN IN IUOTO (AND DEPARTURE, INCIDENTALLY, FROM FIRM SOVIET-EE POSITION), AND REGISTERED DISMAY THAT ROMANIAN DELEGATION HAD CHOSEN NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN OPEN-ENDED ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (WHICH AGREED UNANIMOUSLY MAY 20 TO RECOMMEND LUSAKA FORMULA TO PLENARY) BUT RATHER TO ATTACK LUSAKA FORMULA UNDER MORE DRAMATIC CIRCUMSTANCES OF INTERVENTION IN PLENARY DURING FINAL DAYS.

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2. ACCORDING TO GROUP 77 SOURCE ROMANIAN REPRESENTATIVE

APPEARED BEFORE GROUP 77 CAUCUS MAY 21 TO MAKE STATEMENT POSTURING ROMANIA AS SOMEWHAT NON-ALIGNED AND OFFERING TO PLAY ROLE OF CONCILIATOR ON WTO ISSUES. ROMANIAN STATEMENT REPORTEDLY RECEIVED MIXED REACTIONS FROM GROUP OF 77, AND NIGERIA INTERRUPTED TO BEG ROMANIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO COME TO POINT AND DEPART SO CAUCUS COULD GET ON WITH ITS OWN CONSULTATIONS.

3. WHILE US DELEGATION HAD ANTICIPATED LDC INTERVENTIONS IN PLENARY OPPOSING LUSAKA FORMULA, LEADERSHIP FROM EUROPEAN MEMBER (EVEN EE OF ROMANIA'S SPECIAL CHARACTER) COULD PRECIPITATE SERIOUS CHALLENGE TO US POSITION. US DELEGATION PLANS, THEREFORE, TO BEGIN TO MAKE QUIETLY KNOWN THAT REJECTION OF LUSAKA FORMULA OR EQUIVALENT FORMULA WOULD CAUSE USG NOT TO COMPLETE RATIFICATION OF WTO STATUTES WITH CONSEQUENCE PROVISIONAL US MEMBERSHIP IN WTO WOULD EXPIRE BEFORE FIRST FINANCIAL PERIOD BEGINS.

4. RECOMMEND US DELEGATION BE INSTRUCTED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRELIMINARY GUIDANCE IT HAS, TO WITHDRAW UNDEMONSTRABLY FROM ASSEMBLY IF LUSAKA OR EQUIVALENT FORMULA REJECTED IN PLENARY, OR IF ONLY PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT CAN BE SECURED ON TENUOUS BASIS WHICH WOULD LOOK TO HAVING SCALE OF ASSESSMENT QUESTION REOPENED AT SUBSEQUENT ASSEMBLY AFTER US HAS RATIFIED STATUTES AND BECOME MEMBER. IN EVENT OF US WITHDRAWAL US DELEGATION WOULD PLAN TO MAKE MORE IN SORROW THAN ANGER STATEMENT EXPLAINING US DOES NOT WISH TO LEAVE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION BY CONTINUED PARTICIPATION OF US IN WORK OF ASSEMBLY THAT US WOULD STILL BE MEMBER OF ORGANIZATION WHEN FIRST FINANCIAL PERIOD BEGINS JANUARY 1,19(5.

5. GUIDANCE URGENTLY REQUESTED. SUGGEST ALSO DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONFIRM IN BUCHAREST POSITION AND OBJECTIVES OF ROMANIA IN TAKING THIS INITIATIVE.
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